Registration of Trade Unions

†* 359. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the incident of Gurgaon, Government are considering to make changes in the labour laws;

(b) the details of the existing law regarding registration of 'trade unions', and the steps being taken by Government to make the registration mandatory; and

(c) whether Government have any information about the number of trade unions of the employees working in multinational companies?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SHEKHAR RAO): (a) to (c) Review of labour laws is a continuous process. Amendments are proposed after detailed consultation with the social partners with a view to harmonize the interests of all the stakeholders.

The Trade Unions Act, 1926 provides for mode of registration of trade unions under the Act. No trade union of workmen shall be registered unless at least 10 per cent of 100, whichever is less, subject to a minimum of seven workmen engaged or employed in the establishment or industry with which it is connected are the members of such trade unions on the date of making of application for registration. The Trade Unions Act was last amended in 2001. At present, there is no proposal to further amend the Act to make the registration of trade unions mandatory.

The Trade Unions Act, 1926, is administered by the State Governments. The information about the number of trade unions of the employees working in multinational companies is not centrally maintained.

Outsourcing of Research and Development

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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